14 Maitland St.
Toronto, Feb 11/15

My dear George,

I don't know whether I can manage to finish a letter to you - at any rate I'll make a beginning. I have a cold and have been in bed most of the day (for C°'s sake as much as for my own), but I let Mary go out this afternoon, as I came down to get tea ready; - and am feeling much better - my cough has stopped for a little, and my head is clear. I am hoping I will be all right in a day or two. These colds that are going the rounds this winter have been rather serious in their after effects, and it makes one more careful - I thought I had escaped better than most, but the weather is so changeable, it is hard to keep well, though we have all had remarkably good health all winter. Charlie is looking very tired, as he usually does by now, but his appetite is fair, and

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he seldom complains. We are eating quite freely of grapefruit, as C. ordered a case of it — it seems to agree with us very well & we enjoy it in the evening better than anything else. Mary prepares it nicely & always has it quite cold (a great improvement). Auntie & Uncle came from the Welland last Thursday & stayed with us until Monday morning — Uncle looked so much better for his month over there; but Auntie has rheumatism or neuritis in her hands, which are quite swollen & cause her a good deal of pain she has been forbidden to knit any more and cannot write at all as she can't hold a pen — she used the "analgesique" & found it helped ease the burning sensation at night

They were over at Marg's quite often, and we had Bernie & David to dinner with them on Saturday — also Mrs Raff, who happened in from down town — just in time — as she would tell you she remained all afternoon, but Auntie and I had to leave about 3.30 so as to see Auntie Jessie — she had C. to talk to meantime

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Poor Auntie Jessie had had a bad fall & we found her in bed with sand-bags to keep her from moving – her side was hurt, but they don't think any bones were broken – she looked very badly but was able to talk as usual –

I got J.B.K to go up on Monday to see her and I went again on Tuesday (a bitter day (here my cold). I think she will get over it all right tho' Auntie Jennie was very dubious – This had happened 6 days previously, & we had not been notified rather a bad case of neglect? but it is on a par with other things. Your picture appeared in the "Star" a week ago with a nice account of your connection with the work & stamping out the "meningitis" in the "London letter" – not from here The picture gave some of your friends quite a start but one had seen the article just in the noon edition on front page – then the picture took front page place & the "letter" was on 4th page of same paper

There has been little or no mention in papers of leaving England but I expect you are across now We will probably hear after all are over – I hope you will get your letters – but you cannot

M.B

expect them so regularly - even if they are written as often. We were quite pleased to have Mr Ver Wehr here to tea on Tuesday. - I liked him real well & he went to Mr Burdeh's afterwards & C did not get home until after 1 a.m - had to walk from Bloor st down! Lena was here & remained overnight but my cold was so bad I was not fit company for anyone. L has taken two weeks holidays to rest up. Ethel Philp is very ill in a Rochester hospital has had an operation & case is critical. C was planning Gertrude about that & some of Geo's business Tom T. still comes in with flowers once or twice a week - C often orders some to give away, or extra for here - the sweet peas are very fine & we had the 1st 3 dark crimson carnations with some other red & white ones on Tuesday - Mr V. M. admired them. C was down with Mr Allan to hear Mr Taft speak at C. Club luncheon to-day & seemed to have enjoyed it. Tom work lately - that of lecturing &c to the boys must have been very interesting - I read Tom's letter (by the way he was very much pleased to hear from you & he brought Dorothy down on Sunday morning) I hope that you will get along all right in St & not be under too many risks and will keep as well as you have been all along. With much love from Your loving sister Eva.

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